

BRFSS Web Application

Displaying Sample N and Weighted N for multiple combined years

When the application combines years for a table, present the

Sample N: Show the total number of cases being combined as the sample N so a user can have a sense of the amount of data being combined to make the estimate.

Weighted N: Divide the weighted N by the number of years being combined. This will keep the estimate of the population in each of the categories in proportion to its part of the state population. If we didn't do it this way, we could easily have a weighted category N greater than the adult population of the state by the time we had combined 4 or 5 years.